

This Week in History - 6.24–6.30 on the heavenly calendar (July 20–July 26)

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The Danbury Ordeal (July 20, 1984, State of Connecticut, United States)

On July 20, 1984, True Father entered the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury Connecticut. The New York Public Prosecutor's Office indicted True Father on charges of tax evasion. Religious leaders and civilian groups from throughout the United States carried out a protest, insisting True Father's conviction was undeserved. Before his confinement, he announced in a statement that he would move the Unification Church international headquarters to Danbury. During his thirteen-month incarceration, Father proclaimed the "Day of the Opening of the Door to Heaven" and received an honorary doctorate of law and an honorary doctorate of divinity. He was finally released on August 20, 1985. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour
(July 22, 1997, Korea)**

The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour began in Gangnam, Seoul on July 22, 1997, and covered sixteen cities ending on August 6. True Mother conveyed a message of true love to leaders from all walks of life through her speech, “True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love.” Whenever a rally occurred, True Father would call True Mother from South America to encourage her. They held joint victory celebrations.

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**124-Couple Blessing Ceremony
(July 24, 1963, Seoul, Korea)**

The 124-Couple Blessing Ceremony took place on July 24, 1963 at the Seoul Citizens' Hall. Around 3,500 guests partook in the event. This was the first time the Blessing Ceremony was held in a public building and it attracted a lot of attention from Korean citizens. True Father said, “The president of this nation cannot achieve this. This is something only the Unification Church can do.” After the Blessing Ceremony, the brides and grooms rode on 150 separate ‘New Country Cars,’ paraded around the city with police cars guiding the parade. (Materials provided by FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

